

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
OF RECREATIONAL FISHING ON
ST. VINCENT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to continue recreational fishing on St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge.

Alternative to the action is: No Action.

Based on a review and evaluation of information contained in supporting references, I have determined that the continuation of recreational fishing on St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102 (2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Accordingly, the preparation of an environmental impact statement on the proposed action is not required. This determination is based on the following reasons:

1. This proposed action will not alter or adversely impact the present land use practices or primary purposes or wildlife management objectives of the refuge.
2. This proposed action will benefit the visiting public by providing a recreational activity compatible with refuge purposes and objectives.
3. This proposed action will allow the public to utilize a renewable natural resource which is within the scope of Public Law 99-645, Refuge Administration Act, and the Refuge Recreation Act.

Regional Director:


(Signature, Date)

Supporting References:

Refuge Fishery Management Plan (Attached)
Environmental Assessment (Attached)
Section 7 Evaluation (Attached)
Refuge Manual (Refuge Files)
Refuge Administration Act (Refuge Files)
Refuge Recreation Act (Refuge Files)
USFWS Recreational Fisheries Policy (Refuge Files)